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In re application of: James N. Humenik, et al.	Dated: September 19, 2006
Serial Number: 10/605,429	Examiner: Brian R. Gordon
Filing date: September 30, 2003	Group Art Unit: 1743
Title: Microfluidics Packaging	IBM Corporation D/18G, B/321, Zip 482 2070 Route 52 Hopewell Junction, NY 12533-6531

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully request consideration and allowance of the above-
identified application as follows:

Preliminary Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of Claims
beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.